

SOMERSET COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	345	314	301
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	161	180	188
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	55,657	56,424	56,650

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	2,276	1,916	2,366
<i>Hogs</i>	7,222	2,082	65
<i>Sheep</i>	2	2	2

<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			127,277
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			118,089
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			6,166
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>			1,668

<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	53.3	54.3	55.1
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	11.0	11.8	15.6

<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			80
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			280
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$800,000

<i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	13	<i>Soybeans</i>	10
<i>Barley</i>	17	<i>Vegetables</i>	16
<i>Forage</i>	21	<i>Wheat</i>	13

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	15	<i>Milk Cows</i>	21
<i>Broilers</i>	3	<i>Sheep</i>	23
<i>Hogs</i>	21		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	11,300	168.1	1,900,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	13,200	66.7	880,800
	<i>2003</i>	12,700	135.8	1,724,200
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2002</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2003</i>	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	19,900	43.0	856,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	18,900	26.0	491,000
	<i>2003</i>	18,600	42.4	789,400
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	4,500	64.9	292,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	4,900	66.0	323,600
	<i>2003</i>	3,900	43.6	170,000
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	1,600	2.3	3,700
	<i>2002</i> ³	1,400	2.4	3,300
	<i>2003</i>	1,200	2.1	2,500
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2002</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2003</i>	*	*	*

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* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$62.18	\$66.85	\$61.46

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